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MINUTES.

TOCOPOLO CHURCH, PONTOTOC CO., MISS., }
September 16th, 1870. }

The delegates from the Churches composing the Chickasaw Association met with the Tocopolo Church, Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1870.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. W. Finley, from the sixth chapter and sixth verse of Gallatians. Theme—The relation that exists between the church and the ministry.

An intermission of one hour was taken for refreshments. Benediction by the Moderator.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called to order, after singing a hymn. Prayer was made by Elder R. H. Whitehead, of the Coldwater Association, Elder L. Ball, the former Moderator in the chair, who announced the Association in order for the transaction of business.

The letters were called for and read by H. L. Finley and N. M. Berry, in the order in which they stand, and the names of delegates and statistics entered. (See Statistical Table.)

Petitionary letters were called for. None received.

On motion, the Association proceeded to the election of officers, (Elders M. P. Lowrey and R. H. Whitehead acting as tellers,) which resulted in the election of Elder L. Ball, Moderator, and E. Smyth, Clerk. On taking his seat, the Moderator made some very appropriate remarks, and declared the body duly organized and ready for business.

On motion, the Moderator was requested to appoint committees, as follows:

On Devotional Exercises—Brethren J. C. Gambrell and H. Pitts, together with the deaconship of this church.

On the State of Religion—Elders W. L. Farmer, P. Gorley and Bro. J. H. Morgan.

On Documents—Elder James Boswell and brethren D. Mitchel and G. W. Hall.

On Sabbath Schools—Brethren N. M. Berry, J. B. Gambrell and J. Hale.

On Temperance—Elder W. W. Finley, and brethren W. G. Austin and H. Pitts.

On the Bible Cause—Elder H. L. Finley, and brethren A. Beard and N. H. Ward.

On Finance—Elder I. Smith and Bro. B. J. Caldwell.

On Arrangement of Business—Elders W. W. Finley, J. Crosby and H. Pritchard, and brethren J. E. Boatwright and F. Souter.

On Foreign Missions—Elder H. L. Finley, and brethren S. H. Woods and J. M. Barksdale.

On Domestic Missions—Elder W. W. Finley, and brethren W. A. Greer and W. Todd.

On Ministerial Education—Brethren N. M. Berry, J. B. Grambrell and H. Pitts. On motion, the Moderator was added to said Committee.

On Systematic Benevolence—Elders W. W. Finley, F. M. Ferril and W. L. Reynolds.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by W. L. Farmer.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder H. L. Finley.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

Elder A. L. Stovall, of the Judson Association, addressed the Association at some length in favor of establishing a female school of high order, in the town of Tupelo, on the Mobile & Ohio R. R., in Lee county, Miss.

Elder W. L. Slack also spoke at some length on the importance of female education.

The Committee on Arrangement of Business made their report through their chairman, which was adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Read the Rules of Decorum, Constitution and Abstract of Principles.

Called for correspondence, when the following was received: From the Judson Association, a letter by the hands of Elder A. B.

Smith and A. L. Stovall and Bro. B. Jackson. From the Aberdeen Association, Elder W. L. Slack. From the Tippah Association, a letter by Elder M. P. Lowrey. From the Baptist State Convention, Elders M. P. Lowrey, J. Nelson (Corresponding Secretary of the Education Board of the Convention), A. L. Stovall, and T. H. Smith. From the Yalobusha Association, Elder J. Furgison, T. H. Smith, and Bro. S. F. Dier. From the Tishomingo Association, no correspondence. From the Cold Water Association, a letter by the hands of Elder R. H. Whitehead, and Bro. T. H. Smith.

The Committee on Ministerial Education made their report through the chairman, which was adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Adjourned to hear a sermon by J. Nelson, to meet again at 1 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Met at 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Elder W. L. Reynolds.

Granted a letter of dismission to the Macedonia Church.

The Committee on Domestic Missions made their report, which after some discussion, was adopted. (See Appendix C.)

The Committee on Documents made their report, which was adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Granted leave of absence to Elder J. Boswell and brethren W. Todd and E. Hale.

Adjourned to nine o'clock, Monday morning. Prayer by M. P. Lowrey.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

At the Baptist Church.—At ten o'clock, Dr. W. L. Slack preached to a very large and attentive congregation. After a short recess, Elder M. P. Lowrey preached in his usual happy and affecting style.

At the Methodist Church.—Elder A. L. Stovall, at ten o'clock, followed by Elder L. Ball, preached to a very attentive audience.

At the close of the services at each house, a collection was taken up, amounting to $34, for domestic missions, one-half of which was sent to the board at Marion, Ala., the other half to be expended in this Association.

At the Baptist Church.—At night, Elder R. H. Whitehead preached to crowded house.

At the Methodist Church.—At night Elder J. Smith.

The result of all these laborers will only be known in the morning of eternity.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. J. B. Gambrell.

The Committee on the State of Religion made their report, which was discussed for a considerable length of time, and adopted. (See Appendix E.)

The Committee on Foreign Missions made their report, which, after being ably discussed, was adopted. (See Appendix F.) At the close of the discussion, $12.85 was raised for said missions.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence made their report which was adopted. (See Appendix G.)

The Executive Board made their report through their chairman, N. M. Berry, and after some important remarks, was adopted. (See Appendix H.)

Adjourned to 2 o'clock. Prayer by Elder M. P. Lowrey.

EVENING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. Furgison.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools made their report which was adopted. (See Appendix I.)

The Committee on Finance made their report which was adopted. (See Appendix J.)

The Treasurer made his report which was adopted. (See Appendix K.) After which, a ring given to the cause of missions in the bounds of this Association two years ago, was again sold for $16.50, and pledges made to the amount of $337.00 to be paid at the Association in 1871.

The Committee on Temperance made their report which was adopted. (See Appendix L.)

The Committee on the Bible Cause made their report, which, after some discussion, was adopted. (See Appendix M.)

APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Judson Association.—Elders H. L. Finley, W. W. Finley, J. Crossby, J. T. Pitts, J. Boswell and L. Ball, and brethren W. S. Nelson and B. Jackson. J. T. Pitts to write.

To the Aberdeen Association.—Elders H. L. Finley and J. T. Pitts and Bro. H. T. Pitts. H. L. Finley to write.

To the Tippah Association.—Elder W. L. Farmer and H. L. Finley. W. L. Farmer to write.

To the Baptist State Convention.—Elders W. W. Finley, L. Ball and H. L. Finley, and brethren N. M. Berry, F. Souter, S. H. Wood and E. Smyth. W. W. Finley to write.

To the Tishomingo Association.—Elders W. W. Finley and J. Crossby, and brethren J. B. Gambrell and E. Smyth. J. B. Gambrell to write.

To the Coldwater Association.—Elders W. W. Finley and W. P. Mothershead. W. W. Finley to write.

To the Yalobusha Association.—Elder W. W. Finley and Bro. H. Kirk. W. W. Finley to write.

Appointed the next session of this body to be held with the Pleasant Hill Church, in Union county, five or six miles, northeast of New Albany. Elder L. Ball to preach the next introductory sermon, and H. L. Finley, alternate.

Elected the Executive Board: N. M. Berry, H. T. Pitts, M. Cox, E. M. Stephens and E. Smyth.

Appointed Elder W. W. Finley to distribute the minutes in the second district.

RESOLUTIONS.*

Resolved, That we, the members of the Chickasaw Association, do pledge ourselves to adopt some system of benevolence, and will give our influence, our prayers and best efforts to inaugurate such system in our respective churches.

WHEREAS, The Scriptures teach us to look abroad and see the greatness of the harvest, and then pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into his vineyard, therefore

Resolved, That we set apart Saturday before the second Sunday in January, 1871, for a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, that God may call, qualify and send forth many of our young brethren to preach His Gospel, and that He may put it into our hearts to sustain them.

WHEREAS, At our last session, we expressed the necessity of a female school of high order, in North Mississippi, and

WHEREAS, The Judson and Aberdeen Associations have by committees located a school of said order in the town of Tupelo, on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, and have met us by correspondence asking us to unite with them in building up said school,

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the action of said Associations, and as far as interest and duty will allow, we not only sanction, but will support said school.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to Prof. W. B. Gilmer, Principal of the Tocopolo Academy, for his kindness in offering us the use of the school room during our session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered the Methodist brethren of this vicinity, for their kindness in giving us the use of their church house during this session.

Resolved, That the thanks of the body is due, and is hereby tendered to the officers of this body (including the Executive Board) for the able and efficient manner in which they have discharged the responsible duties of their office.

Resolved, That the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes of the present Association, and that he be allowed fifteen dollars for his services.

The thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the church and citizens at Tocopolo, for the kind and hospitable manner they have entertained this body during its present session.

Adjourned to meet with the Pleasant Hill Church, Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1871. The Moderator made a feeling address to the Association, when one of the songs of Zion was sung, the hands of parting and fellowship was extended to each other. Thus ended one of the most pleasant sessions of this body.

L. BALL, MODERATOR.

E. SMYTH, *Clerk*.

APPENDIX.

[A.]

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Read Rules of Decorum, Abstract of Principles and Constitution.
2. Call for correspondence from bodies with whom we correspond.
3. Invite visiting brethren from sister associations and ministering brethren of our order to seats with us.
4. Hear the report on Ministerial Education.
5. Hear the report on State of Religion.
6. Hear the report on Domestic Missions.
7. Hear the report on Foreign Missions.
8. Hear the report of Executive Board.
9. Treasurer's Report.
10. Report on Documents.
11. Report on Sabbath Schools.
12. Report on Temperance.
13. Report on Systematic Benevolence.
14. Report of Finance Committee.
15. Appoint corresponding messengers to sister associations and to the State Convention and brethren to write.
16. Appoint the place for holding the next association.
17. Elect a minister to preach the Introductory Sermon.
18. Elect an Executive Board.
19. Miscellaneous business.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. W. FINLEY, *Chairman.*

[B.]

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to report, that we believe the time has fully come when Baptists owe it to themselves, their children, their God and their church, to awake on the subject of the education of their ministers. Infidelity in its multiform shapes, Universalism, Spiritism, Catholicism, and Pedoism, all have learned men—*ripe scholars*—among their advance guard. This must be met by scholars *equally ripe;* therefore

Resolved, 1st. That the Chickasaw Association urgently request the ministry and churches composing this body, to continuously "pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into his harvest." 2d. That we make dil-

igent inquiry among the young men of our churches for the Lord's chosen me sengers and encourage them to the work. 3d. That we urge upon them th necessity of acquiring a good English, and if possible, a complete classical an literary education, as well as a theological. 4th. That for the attainment these ends, we recommend Mississippi College, located at Clinton, Hinds Co Miss., the institution of our Baptist State Convention, and the Southern Ba tist Theological Seminary, located at Greenville, S. C., at either of which place the expenses do not exceed $15 per month. 5th. That, to the amount of the necessities, we aid poor young ministers in attending these schools.

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. BERRY, *Chairman.*

[C.]

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Domestic Missio would report the following as their views of this vital subject—domestic home missions. It was inaugurated by our Divine Lord, for it is written th "He ordained twelve apostles, and sent them out two and two, with the co mand: 'as ye go, preach, saying the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, etc.,' th He sent out other seventy with the same commission." Domestic missions fully comprehended in the great commission of our risen Lord and Savi "Preach the Gospel to every creature." With the command and example our Blessed Lord, as the prince of missionaries, what ought we to do? Wh can we do, with a perishing world at our doors? We ought to promote th great work with all the zeal and power we have. If we will but read the histo of our own beloved Association, what it was in its origin, what it has do under God, through its Domestic Mission Board, and what it is now, we wou exclaim, behold, what God hath wrought! We would advise and entreat th Association, in view of the past, and also in view of the present and future su cess of the cause we all do so dearly love, to keep one or more active, devot missionaries, in the field constantly moving among the people. We have n a membership of about twenty-four hundred. The small sum of 50 cents each member, would give us twelve hundred dollars, quite enough to keep t efficient men in the field all the time.

Who of our deacons, or working brethren or sisters, if you please, will to their respective churches, full of the spirit of Christ and love for the souls men, and never stop working till they have averaged 50 cents to each me ber in their church? How easily it could be done. What vast results mig flow from such simple efforts, eternity alone would reveal.

Are you a Christian, my brother or sister, and not willing to make t small effort for Christ and the souls of men; are you not willing to secure least 50 cents in a whole year to evangelize your own neighborhood? O, bre ren, let us arouse ourselves to the vast and glorious work before us. Let us think that our work is ended, while there is *one* sinner in our bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. FINLEY, *Chairman*

[D.]

DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee on Documents beg leave to submit the following report: We recommend the publication in our minutes of those parts of the minutes of the Union meetings that refer to times and places of holding next meetings and special sermons, essays and queries for next meetings.

We recommend the publication on the cover of our minutes, the advertisement of Mississippi College, found in *The Baptist*, of the 20th of August last, as requested by the Board of Trustees of said College.

We recommend all our brethren to subscribe for, and read the *Home and Foreign Journal*, which is the organ of the several boards of our Southern Baptist Convention. It only costs 50 cents a year, and contains important information relative to our missionary work at home and abroad, which is not found anywhere else. Address, *Home and Foreign Journal*, Richmond, Va.

We recommend all the publications of our Southern Sunday School Board, in Memphis, Tenn. Their catechisms and libraries should be used in our Sunday schools, and we especially recommend *Kind Words*, *the Child's Delight*, which should be in the hands of all children. We recommend *The Baptist*, published in Memphis, Tenn., which by the action of our Baptist State Convention, has become "our paper." It is a large eight-page paper, not inferior in ability to any on this continent, and is offered to us at the low price of three dollars a year.

And in view of the great importance of the relation this paper sustains to our denominational enterprises in the State, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the action of our last Mississippi Baptist State Convention, in accepting a department in *The Baptist*, and the unanimous election of Elder M. P. Lowrey as editor of said department.

Your Committee would further state that we have seen several copies of the paper since the above arrangement has taken effect, and are much pleased with the manner and arrangement with which our department is conducted, and as far as ascertained, general satisfaction is expressed, and we do most earnestly recommend and insist that it be taken, read and studied by every Baptist family in the State.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. BOSWELL, *Chairman*.

[E.]

STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on the State of Religion would beg leave to report, that from the reading of the letters from the several churches, and the report of brethren from all parts of our territory, that but few of our churches have enjoyed religious prosperity during the present associational year. Many of our churches say, "Pray for us." Waste places send up the Macedonian cry, "Come and help us." In view of all of this, we would earnestly recommend

weekly prayer meetings in all our churches, and that our ministers be respec fully solicited to urge their churches to an action of duty, and all of our bret ren and sisters to stand by our Executive Board and missionary, in planting th dear Redeemer's standard in all of our destitute sections. Soon, oh, soon, sha our pure and undefiled religion triumph over our whole land, as the wate cover the great deep. to the advancement of our dear Redeemer's kingdom an the Glory of God. Amen.

W. L. FARMER, *Chairman.*

[F.]

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions submit the following: Our missio work is divided into two departments, known as the Home Mission and Foreig Mission. Whilst we would urge the importance of home missions as a gre work and one that should be near every Christian heart, we would not hav you forget the foreign mission field which is now white unto harvest. Brethre thousands, yea, millions of our fellow beings are living and dying without th heavenly knowledge which alone can make them wise unto salvation, some them, on whom the light of heaven has begun to dawn, hold out their hands t us and ask us to give them the bread of life. Will we do it, or shall we fold ou hands and let them perish for the want of the Gospel? Much in the last fou score years has been done, but we have only commenced the great work and rests with us to push our foreign missionary enterprise forward till ever heathen temple shall be thrown to the ground and temples of the living Go shall rise in their stead, which will resound with the praise of Jesus. We rec ommend that every lover of Jesus contribute something to this glorious cau

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. FINLEY, *Chairman.*

[G.]

SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

We believe that all Christians desire to do their whole duty, and th reason why we hear so much complaint of a want of Christian benevolence i the lack of information and training among our membership. A true Christia is willing to comply with the teachings of the Scriptures; then let us have a Scrip tural plan of systematic benevolence. Our Lord and Master has not given u a positive law requiring specified amounts, but has thrown His precious caus upon its friends to be supported by their voluntary contributions. His law on the subject is as follows: Upon the first day of the week, let every one o you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him.—I. Cor. xvi.: 2. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, o of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver.—II Cor. ix.: 7. The tendency of our carnal nature is to love the world too much; hence, giving for purposes of Chris lian benevolence is necessary for our spiritual good. The Lord has said "it i better to give than to receive," also, "the liberal shall be made fat." Those

are mistaken who regard giving for church purposes a burden and a curse; it is a blessing, and the Lord so designed it. He warned us not to reject that provision, by telling us "there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty." And yet, strange to tell, it is difficult to raise in our churches the amount necessary for their current expenses and the support of our missionary work. A scriptural plan that will train us to the regular habit of giving, is what we need, and we suggest the following plan, which we think is in perfect accord with the Scriptures above quoted. Let each church have a treasurer and let him keep a subscription book. Let every member of the church be requested to make a subscription in that book, to be paid weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, as best suits the member subscribing. Let this subscription be sufficient to meet all the expenses of the church—pastor's salary, missions, incidental expenses, etc. Let all these subscriptions be paid to the treasurer, paid out by him only upon orders from the church. At the end of the year let the Treasurer make a complete report, to be approved by the church and recorded in the church-book. At any time the church may need money, some members may be found who will be willing to pay a part of their subscription, and the trouble of penny collections will be thus avoided. Then, every member will enjoy the privilege and share the benefit of bearing a part of the necessary expenses of the church. And all will be astonished to see how easily these necessary expenses will be met, and how much they will enjoy the privilege of being a laborer in the Lord's vineyard, rather than await for other members to carry.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. FINLEY, *Chairman.*

[H.]

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board beg leave to report that the following is the Report of our beloved Missionary:

I take pleasure in submitting this, my second annual report, for the year ending September 15, 1870.

By the kind providence and blessing of God, I have been able to labor eight months during the year.

My time has been mostly spent with Tocopolo, Salem (formerly Trinity), and Midway churches, together with a monthly appointment at Hickory Flat, since April last. At the last named place there is no Baptist church, but the foundation is laid for the future missionar to build up a church at that point of some note. For the condition of the three churches I have assisted, I refer you to their letters and delegates.

During the year, I visited twelve of the churches not properly in my field of labor. With Philadelphia, Temperance Hill and Spring Creek churches, I assisted in holding protracted meetings, which resulted, it is hoped, in great good to these churches.

Have assisted in organizing three Sunday Schools. Assisted in the ordination of three deacons and one colored preacher. Traveled 1489 miles. Preached eighty-five sermons. Visited one hundred and eighty families. Baptized ten converts, and thirty-two have been baptized by others in meetings I attended. I am unable to report the number of professions in connection with my labors.

I have sold many religious books, and given away many denominational trac
Have delivered many exhortations and offered many prayers. Collected
Orphan's Home $31.05. For Home and Foreign Missions $35.00. I reg
our cause in the field of my labors as being in a healthy and growing conditi
To God be all the glory. Tocopolo have built themselves a good meeting hou
Midway is building. Salem has $1400.00 pledged toward a house of worsh
and will soon commence the work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. FINLEY, *Chairman.*

Your Board also employed brother I. Smith to occupy as a station, onc
month, the town of New Albany, where once a large church existed but is n
entirely extinct, and destitute of preaching except by brother Smith. His
port is as follows:

Spent nine days at this point, preached eighteen sermons. Expect to c
stitute a church at this place on the fifth Sabbath in October. During our
meeting baptized two converts. The brethren and friends there are determi
to build a house of worship. I regard this as a very important field of lab
and the prospects are flattering to build up a church of strength and influe

Respectfully submitted,

I. SMITH, *Chairman.*

The labors of your missionaries are thus before you, with results as far
known. Your Board is impressed that our great want in going forward w
this good work, is systematic benevolence, by which the whole strength of
churches may be fully developed. But since we have a committee, who
report especially upon this subject, we forbear making any further remark
this connection. We still have much destitution in our bounds. Let *us* h
the command, "Go preach the gospel to every creature," and then let us
that upon us, who have been redeemed, not with silver and gold, but with
precious blood of Christ, rests the solemn obligation of sending this Gospel
the destitute.

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. BERRY, *Chairman.*

[I.]

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report that they are
joiced to know that this department of Christian effort is receiving m
attention than in years gone by, but that it is a lamentable fact that man
our brethren are not fully aroused to its great importance. Our motto as B
tists and lovers of Jesus should be, a Sunday school in every church, with ev
child and youth in our respective bounds a scholar, and every scholar a spe
object of the prayers of the church, that they might give their hearts to J
and dedicate their lives to His service. We would most respectfully
earnestly suggest to our brethren who labor as teachers, to pray much for
enlightening and quickening influences of the Holy Spirit, that they may
warm and tender hearts point their pupils to the Savior of sinners, and
that their instructions shall lead them to speedy conversion. Were we thus f

alive to this great work, your Committee are of opinion that it would, by the blessing of God, become *the great auxiliary* to the preaching of "the glorious Gospel of the blessed God," by which the world is to be saved.

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. BERRY, *Chairman.*

[J.]

FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, make the following report: Received for printing minutes $68.00.

Respectfully submitted,

I. SMITH, *Chairman.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ELIJAH SMYTH, TREASURER, DR.

To Chickasaw Association:

Sept. 20, 1869.—To amount as per report in 1869		$118 25
" " " " cash		2 00
" " " " J. B. Herring		5 00
" " " " sister M. Bigham		1 00
" " " " sale of ring		14 35
July 11, 1870.—To sale of books by N. M. Berry		14 75
Sept. 16, 1870.—To Spring Creek church		9 30
" " " " Cherry Creek church		71 00
" " " " Mt. Pisgah church		10 00
" " " " Amaziah church		12 60
" " " " G. W. Hall		5 00
" " " " H. L. Finley		10 00
" " " " W. H. Finley		5 00
" " " " J. W. Hobbs		5 00
" " " " J. H. Hughy		3 00
Sept. 17, 1870.—To Hopewell church		8 00
" " " " Bethel L. C. church		10 00
" " " " Temperance Hill		10 00
" " " " Pleasant Ridge church		23 25
" " " " W. Bullard		5 00
" " " " B. F. Goolsby		5 00
" " " " Shiloh church		10 00
" " " " Friendship church		10 00
" " " " Cypress Creek church		10 00
" " " " New Hope church		8 50
" " " " N. M. Berry on sale of books		12 00
" " " " Half of public collection on Sabbath		17 00
" " " " W. W. Finley on sale of books		36 00

Sept. 17, 1870.—To Philadelphia church		25
" " " " sale of ring		16
" " " " Salem church		50
Total		$542

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July 12, 1870.—By amount paid A. and F. Bible Society	$ 88 35	
" " " " " " express freight	1 50	
" " " " " " for printing minutes 1869	62 50	
" " " " resolution of Ass'n for Clerk's services	15 00	
" " " " amount paid I. Smith as missionary	15 00	
" " " " " " W. W. Finley as missionary	354 00	
Total		$536
Due by Treasurer to balance	$ 6	

September 19, 1870.—Received of Finance Committee for printing minutes for 1870 $68

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. SMYTH, *Treasurer.*

[L.]

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is one of the Christian graces. It comprehends any virtue. It is the safeguard of life—the foundation of human happiness—it is the she anchor to our appetites and passions. Temperance in its primitive significanc means the moderate use of everything that is not positively forbidden in th word of God, and a total abstinence from every appearance of evil. Bu leaving out the various topics that might present themselves on this subjec we will confine ourselves to but one, and that is the subject of dram drinkin and drunkenness.

That this is a social evil, no one that has any observation at all, will den But the extent of this evil is not generally known, and in order to throw ligh on the subject, we will offer a few facts and let them speak for themselves.

1. We have accurate statistical information of recent date on this sub ject. According to Commissioner Wells, the United States swallowed by retai in a single year, $1,573,491,865 worth of liquid poison.

2. From accurate statements before us, this baleful evil is bringing ove 300,000 persons, mostly young men, down to the condition of common drunk ards, thereby bringing untold misery and wretchedness to more than 1,500,00 persons, mostly women and children.

It keeps more than 200,000 in the *alms house.*

It keeps 75,000 criminals in prison.

It is constantly carrying down to disgrace and poverty, destruction an misery, many of the most talented men of the country, from the bar, the bench the pulpit and the halls of Congress. It carries more than 30,000 into *eternity* annually. It carries more than 1,500,000,000 to destruction. A distinguishe

observer of facts says: "All the crimes on earth do not destroy so many of the human race nor alienate so much property as drunkenness." It is prosecuting its terrible business against the laws of God and man, and in defiance of all authority.

If some mighty giant was traversing our country committing the depredations that this monster king alcohol is justly charged with, we would very soon hear the bugle sounding from one end of the land to the other, "soldiers to arms! to arms! the foeman is upon us." The men that sell it, and the men that drink it as a beverage, will have to render a fearful account one day.

Let us as Christians, set our faces against it—let all our dram drinking brethren quit it forever, and by the powerful force of example, we may hold this monster in check.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. FINLEY, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

We cannot conceive of a subject fraught with so much importance as the one under consideration. The Bible is God's revelation to man; and the true centre of heavenly knowledge. This fact brings us in view of our responsibility, to give to the nations of earth the pure word of God *faithfully* translated. Indeed, we as Baptists, are the only people who can do this thing, and save our denominational existence. This being the fact, where shall we look for facilities to carry forward the great work of publishing and circulating the sacred scriptures faithfully translated into *all the languages* of earth. Shall we turn our eyes to the American Bible Society? Certainly not, for when we as Baptists, were identified with that institution, we were suddenly prohibited from drawing upon the treasury for funds to publish the translation of the Sacred Scriptures, made by our brother Pearce, into the Bengalee tongue, simply because *baptizo* was *translated*, instead of being *Bengalized*. And here, your Committee feel the necessity of correcting certain false and ignominious reports that have been put into circulation against Baptists, in reference to this matter, some of which have been published in books and papers, others have been proclaimed from pulpits, *and in the great congregations.* The following are some of them: "*Dr. Judson used the money of the American Bible Society*—a Presbyterian institution—(without giving any information of the fact) to publish a *Baptist* Bible." "That Baptists *filched from the American Bible Society, a sufficient amount of money to found a Baptist Bible Society,*" etc. Now, what are facts in the case? In 1816, the American Bible Society was founded, and all the so-called Evangelical denominations were invited to cooperate in the great work of publishing the Scriptures. (See first address of the Secretary.) On this broad platform all could work, so long as the Society adhered to her own principles and rules. But when she resolved to furnish no more means for publishing the Scriptures in foreign languages, Baptists felt it to be their duty to withdraw and found a Society that would carry forward

the work. *Did they, the Baptists, use any of the funds of the American Bible Society?* By referring to a pamphlet published by B. M. Hill, we find that Baptists had up to the time of their separation, put largely *over one hundred thousand dollars in this Society, while they had only drawn a little over thirty thousand, for Bible distribution in foreign lands. This is the way that "Baptists used the funds of the American Bible Society, to publish Baptist Bibles and found Baptist Bible Societies."* Facts are very stubborn things, and your Committee would submit the foregoing, with the hope that, to some extent at least, the false allegations made against Baptists, and especially against the sainted Judson, may be counteracted. Your Committee can but express the hope that this Association will give her patronage and hearty support to that noble institution the *American and Foreign Bible Society*, that is struggling so nobly to give the pure word of life to all nations, and who, beside publishing and circulating the Scriptures in the English language, has translated them into over forty different dialects; and who, within the thirty years of its operations, has raised and expended over one million dollars in Bible distribution.

Your Committee would urgently recommend that the Association keep constantly, as heretofore, a supply of Bibles and Testaments on hand for distribution.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. L. FINLEY, *Chairman.*

PLEDGES MADE BY THE CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS

TO BE PAID AT THE ASSOCIATION, IN 1871.

Cherry Creek	$40 00
Friendship Church pledges fifty cents to each member	
Hopewell C. H	23 00
Temperance Hill	15 00
Tocopolo	15 00
Bethel L. C	10 00
Salem	27 00
Pleasant Hill	24 00
Bethel P. C	10 00
Spring Creek	15 50
F. M. Ferrel	5 00
N. H. Ward	5 00
Philadelphia	25 00
New Hope	10 00
Shiloh	15 00
Shady Grove	10 00
Amaziah	15 00
Pleasant Ridge	10 00
El Bethel	10 00
W. L. Slack	10 00
W. H. Murphy	5 00
W. P. Hutchinson	2 50
W. A. Smith	5 00
M. A. Temple	5 00
J. N. W. Herring	5 00
D. Mitchel	10 00
T. Cooper	2 50
J. H. L. Johnson	1 50
W. H. Cooper	2 50
J. F. Berry	1 00
Cora Berry	50
J. R. Boten	1 00
R. T. Allsap	1 00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptisms	Received by letter	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Restored	Dead	Total in fellowship	For ministers	Days of Meeting
Amaziah	W. L. Farmer	Cornersville	W. L. Reynolds, W. F. Rochester, C. G. Baker	9	5	3	7	...	3	141	$3 00	2
Antioch		Sarepta	G. Cooper, L. Philips, J. M. Philips	.....	.....	4	1	...	...	25	1 50	2
Bethel, P. county	J. Boswell	Lafayette Springs	J. Hale, W. Todd, W. G. Owen*	.....	.....	5	...	...	1	91	1 50	3
Bethel, L. county	J. Crossby	Oxford	J. Davis, M. G. Right*, W. S. Outon	5	2	9	2	...	...	64	85	3
Cypress Creek	H. L. Finley	Lafayette Springs	F. M. Ferrel, N. H. Ward, J. Lawhorn	.....	.....	1	1	1	...	52	1 25	4
Cherry Creek	L. Ball	Cherry Creek	L. Ball, N. M. Berry, E. Smyth	1	11	18	4	1	3	185	6 00	2
Friendship	J. T. Pitts	Pontotoc	B. Jackson, G. W. Austin, E. Browning	1	3	5	...	1	...	15	1 75	1
Liberty	J. T. Pitts	Tardyville	J. Boswell, B. J. Caldwell, S. H. Plant*	13	10	4	...	9	...	98	3 00	4
Mt. Pleasant	L. Ball	Wallersville	I. Smith, D. Mitchel, S. B. Allen*	4	.....	14	3	4	1	103	1 50	3
Mt. Pisgah	H. L. Finley	Cornersville	S. C. Darden*, M. L. Marshal,* W. F. Swain	1	8	14	8	...	3	70	1 80	3
New Hope	A. B. Smith	Pontotoc	R. Atkins*, J. Smith, H. Pitts	3	3	10	6	2	...	63	1 45	1
Pleasant Ridge	J. Boswell	Molino	J. K. Giton*, W. J. Hill*, J. B. Gambrell	36	2	3	...	2	2	152	3 35	1
Pleasant Hill	I. Smith	Molino	G. W. Hall, W. S. Nelson, N. W. Roach	1	.....	19	2	...	...	84	2 00	2
Philadelphia	H. L. Finley	Lafayette Springs	H. Pritchard, E. Hale*, O. P. Short*	5	8	3	2	3	1	106	3 30	1
Piney Grove	T. Gorley	Tocopolo	T. Gorley, W. F. Waldrop, S. J. Tutor	.....	.....	10	2	...	...	60	95	1
Spring Hill	J. T. Pitts	Tocopolo	W. C. Crawford, J. A. Barksdale, J. H. Oliver	.....	3	1	...	...	...	69	3 25	2
Shady Grove	J. Boswell	Cherry Creek	E. G. Reaves, A. Stittels, S. H. Pitts	12	3	3	1	...	1	66	1 50	4
Shiloh	J. Crossby	Lafayette Springs	B. F. Goolsby, G. W. Hampton, W. W. Finley	8	8	4	1	...	4	132	3 65	1
Temperance Hill	W. L. Farmer	Holly Springs	W. L. Farmer, J. E. Boatwright, E. C. McFaddin	15	1	10	5	3	2	107	4 00	3
Salem	W. W. Finley	Cornersville	H. Kirk, W. A. Greer, J. H. Morgan	4	5	.....	...	...	...	61	3 00	3
Union	T. H. Smith	Tocopolo	W. Powell, J. W. Marland, B. F. Harwell	1	.....	10	...	...	2	25	2 00	3
Hopewell	H. L. Finley	Abbeville	W. A. Smith, D. A. Tire, G. A. Logan	4	10	12	1	1	...	46	4 00	2
Spring Creek	W. L. Reynolds	Cornersville	T. J. Zont, M. M. Morgan, A. J. Alexander	13	10	4	1	2	1	62	3 00	4
El Bethel	Jas. Crossby	Oxford	J. B. Mosley, A. F. Bryant, J. Coleman	31	25	3	...	1	2	75	3 15	4
Cary Springs	T. Gorley	Topocolo	M. Martin*, J. W. Richy, H. Tutor*	2	1	2	2	...	...	49	1 25	4
Midway	H. Pritchard	Abbeville	J. Bare, J. P. Fletcher*, W. Bulard	3	5	8	...	...	...	28	1 70	2
Topocolo	W. W. Finley	Tocopolo	R. W. Powell, S. H. Wood, F. Souter	4	8	.....	...	...	...	30	4 00	2
			*Absent.									
Total				177	121	169	49	30	26	2059	$68 00	

The Union Meeting of the First District will hold its next meeting with the Mt. Pisgah Church, beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in August, 1871. Elder J. T. Pitts to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder I. Smith alternate.

SUBJECTS FOR ESSAYS.

Appointed Elder J. T. Pitts to write upon Ministerial Consecration.

Elder L. Ball on Duty of Church Members in regard to the benevolent and other contributions of the Church.

Value of the Soul. Elder J. Boswell.

The Utility of Prayer Meetings, N. M. Berry.

Scriptural Plan of conducting Protracted Meetings, Elder Isaac Smith.

QUERIES.

I. Is the Ministry of the present age acting under the commission given to the Apostles?

II. Has a Minister the scriptural right to be pastor of more than one Church at a time?

III. Can a Church Member neglect the claims of the Sabbath-school and remain in the path of duty?

The meeting of the Second District of the Chickasaw Association for 1871 to be held at Salem Church, four miles west of Cornersville, to meet on Thursday before the second Sabbath in August. The Introductory Sermon to be delivered by H. L. Finley, W. L. Reynolds alternate.

QUERIES FOR DISCUSSION.

The third query of last meeting referred, to-wit: When an individual professes faith in Christ and is duly baptized, and the same individual subsequently professes to have been deceived, and applies for baptism on a second profession, should it be granted?

The fourth query referred, to-wit: What course should a Church pursue when two brethren are at variance and refuse to take the gospel steps to reconcile the same?

The fifth query referred, to-wit: Were the elements for the paschal supper prepared by the landlord or the disciples?

QUERIES.

I. What shall a church do with a person making application for membership who has been excluded from another church?

II. Shall a minister baptize an individual without the consent of the church?

III. Were the twelve at Ephesus baptized by John the Baptist?

IV. What shall a Missionary Baptist church do with an anti-Missionary member applying for membership by letter?

The following brethren were appointed to write essays: Eld. F. M. Ferril, Communion; Jas. Crossby, Faith; H. Pritchard, Atonement; Thos. Gorley, Repentance; N. W. Ward, Feet Washing; O. P. Short, Duty of Pastors; Eld. W. W. Finley, Depravity; H. L. Finley, Exegesis of 29 verse XV chap. I Cor.; F. M. Ferril, Jr., Call to the Ministry.

F. M. FERRIL, SR., *Moderator.*

F. M. FERRIL, JR., *Clerk.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

THE Twentieth Collegiate year of this institution will co
mence on Monday, September 26th, and continue forty wee

During the past year over one hundred students have been
attendance, and the indications now are that the number will
greatly increased the coming Session.

Besides the various classes of the Preparatory Department, t
four classes of the Collegiate Department will be fully represente
Students for the Degrees of A. B. and B. P., on passing a satisfa
tory examination in the studies of the lower classes, can enter eith
of the classes they wish. They will find the course of study
rigid as in the best colleges. Students who wish to take a sele
course will be permitted to pursue such studies as they may ele
and recite in the regular classes, provided their previous attai
ments shall qualify them to pursue such studies with advantage.

Students for the Ministry are taught free of all charges for t
tion and incidental fees, and those who are indigent will be assist
in the payment of their board by the "Ministerial Education
Board." Of such students fourteen have been in attendance t
past year, and many others have signified their intention of ente
ing at the beginning of the next year. The restraining and el
vating moral influence of such young men over other students ca
not be over-estimated. Parents who have regard for the mora
of their sons should note this fact before deciding upon the colle
to which to send them.

The Board of Trustees have made arrangements to increase t
Faculty to the full extent of demands.

For further information address the President, Rev. Walter Hill
man, or send to him for a catalogue.

BENJ. WHITFIELD,
Pres. Board Trustees.

Clinton, Miss., July 9, 1870.